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Trade sentiment was steady in all areas, but at least steady in the East. Retail demand was seasonally light with most interest focused on other holiday meat items. Food service was slow to moderate, best into sports bars and for fast food specials. Supplies were usually sufficient; however, floor stocks were balanced to tight in the East and other locations where production was reduced due to limited seasonal interest. In the parts structure, pre-holiday movement was light to moderate. Wings were barely adequate to short and clearing well, dark meat was in good balance and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were slow to clear and in the longest position, but better balanced for tenders. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 to 74.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.50 cents last year on November 19, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	165.50
BREASTS - B/S	142.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.50
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	90.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair, best for more traditional holiday meat items. Food service was fair to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mixed, mostly fair to moderate. Breast items were at least adequate to available, dark meat was balanced to close, and wings were barely adequate to short and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light and selective. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were more than sufficient; bone-in breast were available and slow in clearing. Legs and thighs were in good balance. Wings were well cleared.

MIDWEST REGION Whole fryer market tone remained steady. Offerings were fully sufficient for the very light trade inquiry. Fill-in trade on 3 up wogs noted into the Chicago area at 51 1/2 cents. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best, instances moderate to fairly good into sports bars/restaurants. Floor stocks were generally in balance; weights desirable to instances heavy. Parts trade activity was fairly good on wings, tenders and thigh meat; light to moderate on breast cuts and leg quarters. Supplies of wings were in the shortest position. The market tone continued fully steady to firm on wings, thighs and thigh meat, steady to fully steady on tenders and about steady on the remaining items.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was overall steady. Offerings generally adequate. Buying activity was seasonal and mainly fair. Retailer demand was fair best where featured as interest focused on holiday items. Floor stocks in fair balance. Trade sentiment was mixed on parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 11/13/04	2004	2003
EGGS SET	205,065	205,395
CHICKS PLACED	161,196	155,123
		0
		+04

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 13, 2004. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 13, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 13, 2004 were 7.88 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Dec-04 is estimated at 148.8 million head. This compares to 151.3 million head the previous week and to 147.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 114.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.73 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 17, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	820	110.00-155.00	115-120	117.77	BREAST - B/S	665	112.00-150.00	115-120	119.71
TENDERLOINS	320	98.00-178.00	110-115	115.64	TENDERLOINS	598	98.00-115.00	105-112	109.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	70.00-76.00	70-72	71.64	BREAST - LINE RUN	95	70.00-76.00	72-74	72.63
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	103	32.00-49.00	34-35	35.26	LEGS	88	30.00-49.00	32-34	34.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.47	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	460	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	935	25.00-32.00	27-29	27.72	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,055	25.00-29.00	27-28	27.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	301	82.00-90.00	83-85	83.42	WINGS (WHOLE)	301	83.00-90.00	84-86	85.33
WINGS (CUT)	495	96.00-103.00	98-100	98.77	WINGS (CUT)	438	99.00-107.00	102-107	103.84
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	105	68.00-75.00	-	71.81
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR —					F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		
38.50 - 44.00		40.99			36.50-44.00		40.15		
							5-DAY AVERAGE		
							41.01		

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light to fair as dealers looked to more traditional Thanksgiving items and attempted to maintained balanced floor stocks for the holiday season. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were more than sufficient; bone-in breasts were readily available. Legs and thighs were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were in close balance. Retail and distributive movement was light and selective. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, at least steady to fully steady on legs and thighs and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **NOVEMBER 16, 2004**

CURRENT NEG				WTD	CURRENT NEG				WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	125-130	123.94	647,523		BREAST - B/S	125-130	123.98	469,920	
TENDERLOINS	110	108.57	183,300		TENDERLOINS	110	109.15	109,700	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	76.90	124,680		BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	76.99	92,480	
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.61	111,480		BREAST - LINE RUN	68	68.89	117,920	
LEGS	42-43	37.82	297,320		LEGS	42-43	36.96	325,920	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.31	418,674		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	31.80	331,693	
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	31.38	191,360		DRUMSTICKS	25-26	32.27	91,160	
THIGHS	26-27	36.18	68,680		THIGHS	26-27	35.92	34,400	
B/S THIGHS	75-76	71.75	63,560		B/S THIGHS	75-76	71.96	46,920	
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	99.76	92,680		WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	96.07	93,720	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	30,080		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.30	37,040	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.21	24,920		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.22	22,320	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	67.72	26,922		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	68.51	17,200	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	11/17	11/16	11/15	11/12	11/15	11/12	11/10	11/08
Arkansas	4,050	4,015	4,019	3,967	5.34	5.11	4,043	5.36
Delmarva	5,460	5,385	5,464	5,426	5.27	5.06	5,250	5.20
KY-LA-TN	1,985	2,163	2,204	2,005	5.64	5.77	2,188	5.69
Mississippi	2,088	1,958	2,076	2,243	5.30	4.91	2,088	5.20
North Car	2,723	2,643	2,978	3,431	5.61	5.51	2,829	5.60
Texas	1,867	1,993	2,381	2,476	6.44	6.34	2,436	6.50
Total	2,248	2,500	2,541	2,859	5.30	5.17	2,493	5.35
Mon-Wed	20,421	20,657	21,663	22,407	5.50	5.34	21,327	5.50
	63,048 (A)						64,496(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Nov-04 is estimated to be 30,552,000 head down 4.53 percent from a week ago and up 1.89 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,003,000, last year 29,986,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		65-68
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-106
	DRY PACK	106-110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		175-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-Nov-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/20/04 (1)	11/13/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	161,742 (2)	166,356
Light hens	1,472	1,595
Heavy hens	1,456	1,448
Total	164,670	169,399

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Nov-04 is 154.1 million head compared to 153.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.1 million head or 8.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-Nov-04 the estimated available is 153.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11/15/04	112,355	65,738
AM 11/01/04	138,953	65,304
CHG	-26,598	434
PCT CHG	-19	1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/15/04	11/08/04	11/17/03	11/15/04	11/08/04	11/17/03
PACIFIC						
COAST	8,230	10,057	16,705	7,808	6,946	3,512
LOS						
ANGELES	105	107	420	4,022	4,004	1,575

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	72-74
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	74-83

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 11/16/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.00	.52	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.50	.55	.52	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	4.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.80	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	3.00	4.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.30	1.13	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.95	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.55	1.22	RABBITS ea.	-	.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	1.75	4.50	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS 53							

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 12, 2004

	<u>Whole</u> <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs</u> <u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u> <u>& Wings</u>	<u>Livers/</u> <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	69.91	115.84	71.90	19.97	7.99	47.94
High	72.70	127.83	79.89	21.97	11.98	47.94
Mostly	72.70	119.84	79.89	19.97	9.99	47.94

SAN JUAN

Low	70.31	119.84	75.90	15.98	7.99	49.53
High	72.70	131.82	83.89	23.97	13.98	49.53
Mostly	71.50	123.83	75.90	21.97	11.98	49.53

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	69.91	119.84	71.90	15.98	11.98	47.94
High	71.50	131.82	83.89	23.97	15.98	47.94
Mostly	71.50	119.84	75.90	21.97	11.98	47.94

BECERRA

Low	71.10	123.83	79.89	15.98	11.98	50.33
High	72.70	135.82	91.88	23.97	15.98	50.33
Mostly	72.70	127.83	87.88	19.97	11.98	50.33

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally light to moderate. Offerings were generally well cleared on all but 4.00 sizes which were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were light, instances moderate with some plants closed, mainly due to reduced needs during the upcoming holiday period. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 63 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Breast items were fully adequate with spot offerings of bone-breasts slow to clear. Wings were short. Other cuts were in fairly good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	59-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	66.93
NO. OF BOXES	7,405

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